ANS Correspondence

W.F. Cooper,
[Old English Furniture]

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Height 7 ft 6 inches
Width 1 ft 10 in
Depth 1 ft 7 in

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Old English Furniture — No. 12 East 50th Street — Antique Objects of Art

New York

Telephone, Plaza 4898

April 24th, 1926.

Sydney Noe, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of our mutual friend, Mr. H. Russell Wray, I beg to advise that among the old pieces I have recently received from England, there is an extremely interesting pair of Sheraton Mahogany Coin Cabinets, (Circa 1780-90), evidently made at that time for a Collector.

In shape, they somewhat resemble a narrow Slant Top Desk-Bookcase. There are glassed in shelves above, then a Slant Top, which pulls down (like a Writing Desk), disclosing 32 Sliding Shelves, which contained Coins of different sizes and shapes of various Countries. Below the Slant Top is a shelf which pulls out for the purpose of sorting and classifying Coins. The lower part has a Cupboard Door, and again contains a series of Eight divided Drawers.

Mr. Wray considered the Cabinets so unique that he suggested my writing you, feeling that you might be interested or perhaps that Mr. Newell would like to know of them, possibly for his Country House.

I therefore hope that you may be able to spare a moment to call in my Shop, and that I may have the pleasure of showing the Cabinets to you.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. F. Cooper.

I enclose a very rough sketch, which will possibly give you an idea of the pieces in question.

April 27th, 1926

Mr. W. F. Cooper
12 East 50th Street
New York

Dear Sir:

Your letter is at hand. The one of our members who might be interested in your Cabinets has, unfortunately, just left for England. I have written to another with regard to them, but I am not at all sure that he will be interested. In the meantime, I will keep your letter and sketch on file here, and shall be very glad to refer to you any others who might be interested.

Very truly yours,

Secretary